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REMARKS

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1. Between 14 and 16 November 1950, the Pionier Kaserne, Klosterneuburg (O h9/S 30), was heavily occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Only one person seen there, a lieutenant, wore black service color. Troops were at infantry drill in the barracks yard. Several 15-man groups, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and armed with rifles, left the installation on 16 November. Trucks [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard on 14 November. Trucks [redacted] were seen in barracks traffic on 16 November. (1)

2. On 16 November, all garages of the engineer equipment depot were occupied by armored vehicles and regular motor vehicles. About 120 troops were receiving training in firing, and about 30 officers, ranking from lieutenant up to and including captain, were engaged in record firing with submachine guns at the adjoining drill ground on 14 November.

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3. A labor detail was repairing the fence of the former brickyard on Ziegelofengasse on 14 November. Tank truck [redacted] and a fuel tank with a capacity of about 500 liters were in the area of the brickyard. (2)

4. On 16 November, a garage or repair shop was observed for the first time opposite building No 84 on Albrechtsgasse. Soldiers working there wore coveralls. The sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

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25X1 6. On 16 November, naval soldiers were employed in maintenance work in the former factory area on the east side of the road to Vienna, about 300 meters south of the northern tip of Kuchelau Harbor. Trucks [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] were observed with the soldiers. (4)

Korneuburg

25X1 7. Eight medium AA guns were parked at the Albrechts Kaserne, Korneuburg (P 49/S 30), on 15 November. Troops practiced firing with infantry weapons in the barracks yard. Logs were unloaded from truck [redacted]

25X1 8. Fifteen or sixteen heavy AA guns, six medium AA guns and six AA machine guns were seen in the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg (P 49/S 30). Soldiers were drilling between the cantonment buildings.

25X1 9. Passenger car [redacted] at the Soviet office at 7-9 Novengasse. The driver wore red-bordered black epaulets. A radio truck, in operation, and six other trucks were standing at 8-10 Novengasse. Soldiers wearing signal insignia were entering and leaving these buildings.

10. The officers' mess at 2 Bahnhofplatz was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No activity was observed at the armory on Kwizda-gasse, corner of Wienerstrasse. (5)

Schwechat

25X1 11. On 14 November, seven trucks were parked in the yard of the large manor house in Schwechat (P 49/X 48). During one hour, about 25 soldiers, most of them officers ranking up to and including captain, entered and left the building. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets. (6)

25X1 12. Jeep [redacted] occupied by a major sitting beside the driver, both wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen on the road leading from Zwoelfaxing (P 49/X 48) toward Schwechat.

Vienna

25X1 13. On 9 November, truck [redacted] with box-like body were seen in a fenced-in section of the Albrechts Kaserne. The guns observed there in the spring of 1950 were not seen. (7)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

25X1 (1) [redacted] on 6 October that only rear details were quartered in the Pioneer Kaserne and the engineer equipment depot. [redacted] The present report indicates that the elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div stationed there had returned to their quarters during October 1950, as was observed with elements of the division at other posts.

25X1 (2) An engineer equipment dump on Ziegelofengasse was reported to have been cleared in March 1949. [redacted] The dump was probably located in the brick-yard and was possibly to be put in operation again.

25X1 (3) The repair shop was reported for the first time. It may be the post repair shop. (4) Motor vehicles [redacted] driven by naval soldiers have been periodically observed in the naval garage (sic). A naval headquarters possibly of the Soviet Danube Flotilla, is probably stationed there.

25X1 (5) The report indicates that the elements of the GHQ AAA unit, possibly the 23d AAA Div or Regt, of the Central Group of Forces were still at their Korneuburg post on 15 November 1950. [redacted]

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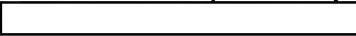
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25X1 (6) A Soviet unit of about 200 men was last reported to be stationed in the

Dreher Castle, (sic), Vienna-Schwechat, in September 1949. [redacted]

25X1 (7) The Albrecht Kaserne, Vienna, quarters elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.



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